

# ALLIES READY TO WIT TO U. S. ON RESERVATIONS

## Entente Soon May Notify Washington of Willingness to Accept Some Treaty Proposals

### SHORE KIDNAPPERS TRAINED TO INLET SECTION OF RESORT

#### New Clue in Blake Mystery Starts More Detectives on Case

#### HOPE FOR EARLY SOLUTION OF CHILD'S DISAPPEARANCE

#### Son of Former Phila. Couple Torn From Mother—Her Handbag Stolen

Atlantic City, Dec. 13.—Atlantic City police are following a trail which they expect will lead in a few hours to the kidnapers of the five-year-old son of James M. Blake, formerly of 108 East Gowen avenue, Germantown.

The boy was stolen from his mother last night in Ventnor by two negroes, who also robbed her and left her lying in a faint near the home of Benjamin Fox, 109 South Cambridge avenue, Ventnor.

The trail of the kidnapers is said to lead to the vicinity of the inlet section of Oriental avenue, not far from the home of the boy's parents.

Chief Sprague of the ventnor police, and Detectives McDowell and Ernest uncovered a clue this morning which was important enough to warrant a conference with the county prosecutor. Additional detectives immediately were put on the case, and the search was resumed with greater intensity in the neighborhood of Oriental avenue.

Mrs. Blake boarded a train at Oriental avenue, and is prostrated there, under the care of a physician. Her husband lives in an apartment at 123 South Vermont avenue, and is being cared for from Mrs. Blake's residence. Living with him are his two other children, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Miller, and her daughter, Miss Agnes Miller, sister of Mrs. Blake. Miss Miller refused to answer a question put to her today by reporters as to whether there were any indications in the family corner of the kidnapped boy, it is said, was living in the father's Vermont avenue apartment.

### Killed by Mother



Jacqueline Powell, ten-year-old daughter of Mrs. Emily L. Powell, formerly of this city. She was shot by her mother, who later attempted suicide in Denver.

Mr. Blake, who is a Philadelphia business man, is in this city today, but plans to be in Atlantic City this afternoon to take part in the search.

The kidnaping was executed with astonishing boldness. Mrs. Blake, accompanied by her son, had just alighted from a trolley car from Atlantic City. The mother and child had no thought of danger when two negroes dashed from behind a cluster of bushes.

One of the negroes, Mrs. Blake by the throat, stifling the cry she uttered. The other caught hold of the child.

That was all Mrs. Blake saw, for she fainted in the grasp of her assailant. When she regained consciousness the kidnapers had disappeared with the child.

They had taken her handbag and this caused the hope that they were merely thieves who would leave her unharmed somewhere after making sure of their escape. The long and futile search last night and today destroyed this hope.

When Mrs. Blake struggled to her feet with her throat bruised by the grasp of the kidnapers, she hurried for help and shelter to the Fox residence. There she was held by the men who had stolen him. Every policeman in Ventnor joined in this hunt.

The Atlantic City police were at work upon the case since the kidnapers continued to widen throughout the night. It is believed that the two negroes cannot move from their present hiding place without being captured.

Not Badly Injured

Mrs. Benjamin Fox, near whose home the kidnaping took place, said she knew nothing of what had happened until Mrs. Blake appeared at the door, seeking help.

"We were not acquainted with Mrs. Blake," said Mrs. Fox. "She came to the house because it was nearest. She was not badly injured, but she was terribly frightened. We were able to learn her name and then, with the help of the telephone operators, notified her husband, who came for her."

"Mrs. Blake was too upset to tell much of what had happened. She said her little boy had become ill on a trolley car and she had alighted with him."

When Professor Gaskill of Atlantic county was notified of the kidnaping, he assigned County Detective Nusbbaum to the case. Detective Nusbbaum had returned from Hammonton, where he took a leading part in the investigation into the disappearance of Billy Dansey.

The detective's first step was to hurry to the scene of the kidnaping in an automobile to study the spot in search of clues before it was too late.

Because of the Dansey case, with its tragic ending, deep interest is being taken in the Blake kidnaping everywhere in Atlantic county.

Every man, woman and child in the county is on the alert today, and it is

### RED HORDE THREATENS EUROPE WITH ANARCHY

#### Radicals Attempt to Force Western Nations of Continent to Choose Between Bolshevism and Murderous Civil War

By B. F. KOSPOTH  
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Geneva, Dec. 13.—The situation in western Europe is dominated today—a year after the triumph of democracy over kaiserism—by the rapid and apparently irresistible advance of bolshevism.

Instead of honestly co-operating with the governments that won the war to bring about the social reforms that are universally recognized to be just and inevitable after the terrible ordeal through which humanity has passed, many Socialists and labor leaders in France, Italy and England have persevered devoted themselves to the systematic sabotage of their countries' victory and deliberately prevented economic and political reconstruction.

All the exalted hopes of happiness and prosperity that were awakened by the victory of democracy are tragically foundering in the ever-rising tide of anarchy. Famine and pestilence are more menacing in Europe after a year of peace than they ever were during the war.

### BOY STABS CHUM IN FIGHT OVER 30 CENTS, POLICE SAY

#### Lad, 16, Says Playmate, 14, Tried to Take Eight-Year-Old Brother's Christmas Money

#### VICTIM IS IN HOSPITAL IN SERIOUS CONDITION

#### Youth Arrested Said to Be Sole Support of Family of Eight. Father Died Recently

Benjamin Feldman, sixteen years old, 429 North Sixth street, the police allege, stabbed his playmate, Charles Hartvick, fourteen years old, of 921 Vine street, in the left lung with a penknife last night, when Charles tried to take thirty cents from Benjamin's eight-year-old brother, Solomon.

The thirty cents was to have gone toward the support of the sorely pressed Feldman family of seven little children, whose father died nine days ago of pneumonia.

Benjamin was held in \$600 bail by Magistrate Reaton in the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station today to await the result of the boy's injuries.

According to a statement obtained from Charles, who is in a serious condition at the Roosevelt hospital, Benjamin stabbed him while they were playing with a group of boys at Sixth and Noble streets.

The police say Feldman is the sole support of a family of eight, his mother and brothers and sisters, the latter ranging in ages from two years old to sixteen years.

Solomon was planning to buy postcards and sell them on the street to help get things for the family's Christmas.

### LIFT FUEL STRICTURES AS MINERS BEGIN WORK

#### More Trains in Service and Retail Stores Keep Open Full Day as Coal Famine Ends

By the Associated Press  
Washington, Dec. 13.—The nation found partial relief today from the rigid restrictions on coal consumption enforced through the railroad administration as a result of the fuel dearth caused by the strike of soft-coal miners.

Where local conditions permitted, the directors after receiving the order revoked the restrictions on coal and gave merchants an opportunity to reap the harvest of the heavy Christmas trade. Some anxiety had been felt among retailers over the limitations of business hours and industrial plants were facing heavy losses by enforced shut-downs.

President Wilson's attitude as to the resignation of Fuel Administrator Garfield was expected to be made known today. Although officials at the White House advanced the opinion that the resignation would be accepted, there were no indications the President had

### PREMIERS SEEK AID OF AMERICA IN CONFERENCES

#### Plan Move to Facilitate Compromise Between Parties in Senate

#### PREAMBLE STILL FINDS OPPOSITION IN EUROPE

#### England Expected to Intercede With Wilson to Settle Adriatic Tangle

Paris, Dec. 13.—As a result of the conferences being held at London by Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau, the American Government will be notified that in order to facilitate a compromise between adverse parties in the American Senate the Allies are willing to accept, to as great an extent as possible, some of the reservations to the Versailles treaty made by the foreign relations committee, according to the Matin.

It is said the Allies will do everything in order that America may participate in future conferences.

Important problems, the newspaper says, will henceforth be settled by a council of the premiers of France, England and Italy. This council will meet sometimes in Paris, and sometimes in London, and will examine principally Russian and Turkish problems.

In the presence of John W. Davis, United States ambassador to Great Britain, it is said, Premiers Clemenceau and Lloyd George assured Vittorio Scialoja, Italian foreign minister, that there was a necessity for an early settlement of the Fiume problem, and indicated England would intercede with the United States for Italy.

The spirit which prevails at the London conference, the Matin says, is good and the necessity for close cooperation by the Allies is recognized.

Announcements relative to the engagement concluded by Clemenceau and Lloyd George at the conference will be made about December 15, according to the Echo de Paris.

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### Class Hatred Grows Daily

Day by day, the bolshevik spirit of class hatred and civil strife is growing in venomous intensity, spreading everywhere, where confusion, corruption and disorganization. Its forerunners are daily becoming bold. Its secret abettors are throwing off their disguises.

Scarcely an attempt is made any longer to camouflage as legitimate wage conflicts the revolutionary strikes called by the bolshevik leaders. Respect of authority is vanishing. Lenin is openly hailed as the Messiah of proletarian revolt. Chaos is in sight.

It is not pleasant to be a prophet of evil. I am not by nature a pessimist. I take some credit to myself for having been optimistic in very dark days during the war when wild patriots deemed that all was lost. But it is impossible, here in Switzerland, to feel the fevered pulse of Europe wildly beating and not to realize that the crisis of the human moral plague is imminent, and that the danger to democracy is infinitely greater than at the time of Ludendorff's most menacing invasion of this continent.

The signs are unmistakable in Europe that the hour of the supreme trial of strength between democratic

### Force Will Decide Issue

A minority of citizens, maddened by the ambitious exploiters of a criminal doctrine, are resolved to seize dictatorial power, and they will either triumph by force or perish in the attempt. There is no other alternative.

The progress of bolshevism in western Europe may be accurately measured by the development of three dominant symptoms: The open adherence to Lenin's doctrine and methods of labor leaders who hitherto at least pretended to repudiate bolshevism; the now undisguised support of Lenin by such "bourgeois" persons as were formerly notorious during the war for their pacifist and pro-German attitude; and the increasing timidity and inclination of the established governments to pacify the elements of anarchy by "concessions."

These ominous symptoms, which until recently were most marked in England, are now also appearing in France, where the expected retirement of the old "Tiger" Clemenceau—the only man of action among the European statesmen—has unleashed a whole pack of political jackals whom wholehearted fear of his sharp claws so long held in cowed submission and restraint.

### JAPAN IS SEEKING TO COLONIZE CHILE

VALPARAISO, Dec. 13.—Efforts by Japanese to establish themselves in Chile, particularly in the coal and iron mining fields, are exciting considerable interest. There is also talk of the opening up of fishing industries here. Japan is seeking an outlet for her excess population.

### SOLDIERS TO GET DELAYED TRUNKS BY CHRISTMAS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Thousands of soldiers' trunks containing souvenirs which their owners wished to give as Christmas presents but which were delayed in the confusion of the return from Europe, will reach their destination before the holidays.

### Brothers Petition Court for Ob- servation by Alienists—Den- ver Prosecutor Agrees

Petition for a hearing to determine her sanity has been filed in the case of Mrs. Emily Lippincott Powell, a former Philadelphia, who killed her ten-year-old daughter Jacqueline, by her brothers, Rowland and George Lippincott, of this city.

They arrived in Denver yesterday afternoon. The petition was filed before Judge Rothberger in the county court of Denver.

The brothers said they could not account for Mrs. Powell's tragic act.

Mrs. Powell is still suffering from insanity as a result of the attempt on her own life after she had killed her daughter. Her brothers will visit her today at St. Luke's hospital.

### ASK SANITARY HEARING FOR MRS. POWELL

Hammonilton Police Force is Dismissed

Action Follows Complaint by County Detective That They Wouldn't Aid Dansey Probe

By a Staff Correspondent  
Hammonilton, N. J., Dec. 13.—Dismissed from the police force of Hammonilton, N. J., shortly after they had been verbally attacked by County Detective J. P. Wilson for failing to help him, is one of the side developments in the investigation into the death of Billy Dansey.

The discharge of the force was learned today. The men were dropped at the request of the Law and Order Society, which recommended such action at its meeting this week.

Many persons in Hammonilton were of the opinion that the policemen were dismissed because of their failure to aid in the investigation of the case.

When asked today why the men were dropped, Mayor Boyer said they were discharged for taking part in a street fight the other night.

### DON'T FAINT; IT'S TRUE

Huh? Sure! Oh, Boy! Just Like Old Times Again

Early morning breakfasters rubbed their eyes in amazement.

One gradually put out his hand to see if it were a myth or a reality.

Gradually his fingers took a grip on the shiny white object—yes, it was a sugar bowl. And it contained real 18-karat sugar.

A dozen such bowls, fully loaded, made their appearance in as many central restaurants.

"Now you can stop raising cane," said a waitress facetiously to an early morning grocer.

"Yes," replied the grocer, "and send those little envelopes you used to pass out to old man Santa Claus."

The words, "sugar for all," was displayed on placards in the windows of several restaurants, and those in the habit of snatching their cereal with the commodity darted inside.

### FATAL RIOTS IN WEST INDIES

British Sailors Landed and Two Strikers Are Killed

London, Dec. 13.—(By A. P.)—Labor disturbances in the British West Indies, leading to rioting during which men were landed from the British warship Calcutta, and resulting in several casualties, are reported in official dispatches to the colonial office here.

From today's official messages it appears that the trouble originated in Trinidad, twenty-two miles northeast of Port of Spain. The police fired upon the rioters, killing the ringleader. At the same time a strike of stevedores in Trinidad occurred and rioting ensued in which one man was killed.

The labor unrest subsided after increased wages had been granted the workers, the messages report. Today's dispatches announce that Port of Spain is quiet, but that the country districts are still disturbed.

### INTEREST IN LABOR MEETING FIZZLES

Say Mrs. Taylor, Hold-Up Victim, Who Accuses Them, Is Mistaken

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### UNITED GAS SELLS INTEREST

Disposes of Holdings in Kansas City Companies

The United Gas Improvement Co. has sold its controlling interest in the Kansas City Gas Co., according to a dispatch from Kansas City today.

The local corporation was identified with both the Kansas City, Kansas Gas Co. and the Kansas City, Missouri Gas Co. Lewis Lillie, third vice president of the United Gas, is a director of one of the western companies.

Mr. Lillie today said "certain negotiations have been pending for some time" over the acquisition of the local corporation's interests in Kansas City by financiers of that community. He said plans are under way to reorganize the Kansas City property.

### BURDICK WORKING FOR WHITE

E. A. Burdick, former chief of police, whose resignation was requested, is now working in the employ of Edward H. White, father of the prisoner, Charles White.

A few days ago County Detective Wilson voiced his complaint against the Hammonilton police. There are three men on the force. He said they not only refused to aid him in any way, but actually appeared to be working against him and his partner, Detective Nusbbaum, in the investigation of the case.

Many persons are rallying to the support of the prisoners, Charles White and his housekeeper, Mrs. Edith Jones, now under arrest in Mays Landing jail. William Turner, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Jones, said he was on the White farm the day that Billy Dansey disappeared and in touch with White all day. He said he did not believe that White injured the boy.

### GOLDMAN CASE UP MONDAY

Supreme Court Will Then Receive Withdrawal of Her Appeal

Washington, Dec. 13.—(By A. P.)—As the Supreme Court is not in session today, formal withdrawal by Emma Goldman of her application for an appeal from federal court decrees in New York dismissing habeas corpus proceedings brought in to prevent her deportation to soviet Russia, cannot be made until next Monday.

Harry Weinberger, her counsel, has written Assistant Attorney General Stewart, asking that the application be withdrawn and Mr. Stewart is expected to notify the court Monday of her decision to submit to deportation at the same time Alexander Berkman is sent out of the country.

### BOY BANDITS DENY EARRING ROBBERY

Mrs. Kate Taylor, whose earrings were torn from her by highwaymen last Sunday night, identified Joseph Gile, nineteen years old, and Walter Mellon, eighteen years old, as the men who attacked her.

Captain James I. Donoghay, of the Lower Merion station, today expressed conviction that Mrs. Taylor was mistaken. He said that the two boys, who combined outlaws with social activity, had made a full and frank confession to him, answering truthfully all questions. When identified by Mrs. Taylor last night, Captain Donoghay said, the two boys denied they had attacked Mrs. Taylor and offered an alibi, which the police are investigating.

Mrs. Taylor, who is the wife of Jacob Taylor, 5422 Spruce street, was attacked after she had alighted from a trolley car at Fifty-fourth and Spruce streets. She says three men jumped from an automobile and tore the diamond ornaments from her ears.

Captain Donoghay told Mrs. Taylor's identification when the two boys were taken before Magistrate Howard S. Stillwagon in the Ardmore police station this morning. No witnesses were heard.

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### BRITISH STEAMSHIP SINKING

Messina Sends SOS From 430 Miles Off Newfoundland

New York, Dec. 13.—(By A. P.)—The British steamship Messina, St. John for Antwerp, sent out an SOS call. The steamship Maple Leaf answered, saying she would reach her in twenty hours. The Messina gave her position as latitude 47.22 north and longitude 42.30 west.

This position is approximately 430 miles off the New England coast.

The British steamship Grauganpark ran ashore on Long Island seven miles east of Ambrose channel light. A coast guard cutter was sent to the rescue.

The Cunard liner Caradania, in collision with the steamer Maryland last Wednesday, arrived at Halifax with many Americans aboard. She appeared to be listing. The steamer Caradania, which had stood by, accompanied her.

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